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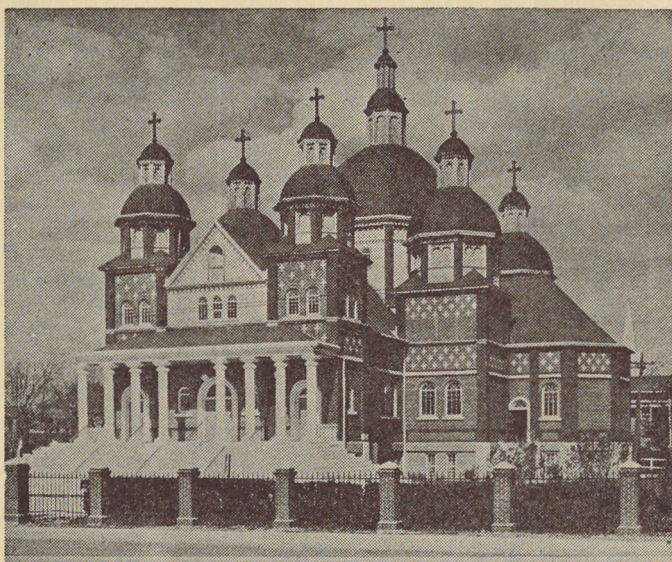
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**P**ERHAPS some of our U.C.Y. members are going to be called to enter the religious vocation. Some of these will accept the calling while others will reject it. To enter the religious life you are expected to give up the material things of this world but in return you shall be blessed with a sense of natural and supernatural security. You shall be taken care of by your order till the end of your life here, while your place in heaven is assured. If you offer to God this world and its possessions, He certainly will remember to reward you in eternity.

There are many different orders which you may join. Some of the girls may be interested in the teaching or nursing orders, while others would be more interested in the missionary, the social order, or the contemplative order. The boys have a choice of deciding whether to become a brother or a priest in a religious order. They also may prefer to join a missionary order or teach in colleges and schools. Priests are needed in parishes, retreat houses, or as hospital chaplains. Some priests may be editors or writers for various Catholic papers and magazines. When contemplating a religious vocation make enquiries about these interesting fields.

Young people should take every opportunity to know about religious vocations and give them careful consideration. Keep in contact with your spiritual director; receive at least weekly Holy Communion and pray for guidance to help you in your decision.

Though all parents should encourage their children to enter a religious order they should never try to push their children into them. This may only serve to hold the children back from entering, while at the same time, no one will be happy in a religious order if they only entered it to please their parents.

To promote religious vocations our U.C.Y. clubs should have discussions on the different fields of religious vocations. It was also pointed out by the club from Vancouver that we should have more articles in this magazine pertaining to this important vocation. Some articles have been requested last year but these have been used already. It would be very much appreciated if we could receive some for future editions of the "YOUTH". Will some spiritual directors and press chairman come to the rescue . . . ?

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

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# The Assistant Editor's Chair

## OUR WINTER WONDERLAND

By MARY BOHOSLAWEC

Did you ever stop to think how much we take for granted our magical land of snow? After the first snowfall covers the greys and the browns, does it not seem like a miracle to see the ground so fantastically covered with clean white snow. To a person who in his lifetime had never seen snow it would seem unbelievable to behold the land so blanketed in white. Do you sometimes stand in awe at the spell the trees cast when they are dressed in the heavy hoar-frost; or on a clear frosty night, do you stop to watch Aurora Borealis dance and skip across the heavens through all shapes and hues; or watch millions of stars twinkling in their brilliance in the cold still of the night—and feel that God had created all this for you to behold.

I think that we, and especially those who live in the cities, have lost that sixth sense that appreciates the wonders of nature. When I was a little girl and lived on the farm, a freshly fallen snow was quite an event, especially around Christmas. I remember one Christmas when Dad had the horses harnessed, the whole family settled themselves in the sleigh for a four mile ride to a neighbour for a Christmas dinner. There is no thrill for a child like the thrill of being warmly clothed, blanketed and sitting in an open sleigh, surveying the snow covered landscape as we moved past the glittering fields of snow. I imagined myself passing through a winter fairyland; the trees bent under the heavy snow, forming grotesque shapes and interesting shadows; a house here and there covered with snow, as if taken out of a fairytale, and all the world around lay entranced as if in a crystal white dream. Nor did the magic fade as we sped homeward that night in the crisp frosty air in the bright moonlight, with hosts of glittering stars that almost took our breath away.

Not all the people in the world have a chance of witnessing a beautiful snowflake fall, or feel the cool crispness of a bright winter morn. About one third of the world never see the magic of snow. How dreary it would be for us to go through continuous hot weather and rain, with never a chance to witness a panorama of white snow, a windowpane frosted with its delicate patterns, or the beauty of a fir tree bent under a thick layer of sparkling snow. There is even that joy of cozyness and warmth of one's living room from whence once can watch the snow storm blow by, knowing that when it is over, the world around will again lay at peace and rest under the silvery blanket of white snow, revealing to us its marvelous fantasy of winter wonderland. Is not this beauty of nature further proof of God's great love for us.

### TO A SNOWFLAKE

What heart would have thought you?  
 Past our devisal (O filagree petal)  
 Fashioned so purely,  
 Fragilely, surely,  
 From what Paradisal, Imagineless metal,  
 Too costly to cost?  
 Who hammered you, wrought you,  
 From argentine vapour?  
 "God was my Shaper  
 Passing surmisal,  
 He hammered, He wrought me,  
 From curled silver vapour,  
 To lust of His mind:  
 Thou couldst not have thought me  
 So purely, so palely, tinily, surely,  
 Mightily, frailly,  
 Insculped and embossed,  
 With His hammer of wind,  
 And His graver of frost."

—Francis Thompson.



### Ukrainian Independence Day

## 45th Anniversary

Ukrainians living throughout the free world observe the day of January 22nd as a significant date in the history of the Ukrainian Nation. On this day in the year 1918 the Ukrainian Parliament in Kiev issued a proclamation of Ukraine's Independence, and on this same day the following year an Act of Union of Western Ukraine with Eastern Ukraine was officially proclaimed.

The Act of Union of two politically separated parts of Ukraine is significant in that it constituted for a short-lived moment one united, independent and sovereign Republic of Ukraine.

The annual celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day reminds us once again that no

dictator has yet been able to suppress the spirit of free Ukraine, and that this spirit lives on in the hearts of the Ukrainian people, even though they may be subjected to the brutal and naked power of Russian imperialism as a part of Russia's slave empire. Though their bodies groan under the merciless tyranny of Moscow, their souls thirst for freedom, justice, and true peace.

Were it not for this annual remembrance, it would be so easy for us to forget our brethren in Ukraine, all the more so since it is almost impossible to communicate with them through the Iron Curtain. Our material comfort and wealth might otherwise cause us to dismiss our thoughts of their

plight from our minds.

However, Ukrainian Independence Day should remind all the Ukrainians of Canadian origin that they cannot lightly dismiss the plight of their kinsmen from their minds, that on them lies the obligation of charity to assist them by whatever means they can. Many Canadians are sending material aid through the limited channels available, to their relatives and loved ones. Others are constantly beseeching God thru prayer to help our persecuted Church and the faithful in Ukraine to survive the brutal persecution which they are undergoing. Others again are doing their share in keeping alive our noble traditions, and in publicizing Ukraine, its culture, its historic glorious past and tragic present among the peoples of the Western World.

While at present opportunities to help our compatriots in Ukraine are rather limited, there is no justification for adopting the attitude that "I can't do anything about it". We may be sure, that perhaps sooner than we realize, almost unlimited opportunities will open up for us to assist Ukraine to obtain freedom, justice and peace. For the present, our prayers and moral support of the Ukrainian cause in a spirit of fraternal charity is a duty incumbent upon us all. We must be unceasing in our efforts to make the cause of the Ukraine known among all nations. In this way we will be doing what we can do to assist the homeland of our forefathers to regain its freedom and national sovereignty.

(Taken from "Ukrainian Weekly PROGRESS, English Section", dated Sun., Jan. 28, 1962.)

## **St. Basil's Jr. UCY, Edmonton, Discuss Dating**

A new executive has been elected for this club which consists of the following:

President: Phil Nimchuk  
Vice-President: Judy Daciuk  
Treasurer: John Tyrkalo  
Secretary: Audrey Doroshenko  
Fifth Member: Ted Zaharko  
Lunch: Jane Sereda & Ed Daciuk  
Social: Sylvia Savich, Delores Savich, Joe Kotylak, Eugene Burko  
Press: Mary Anne Pyrch  
Publicity: Ken Balko, Tod Tyrkalo  
Spiritual: Joanne Kotylak

With Father Isadore as the spiritual director and this executive we hope to have a very successful year.

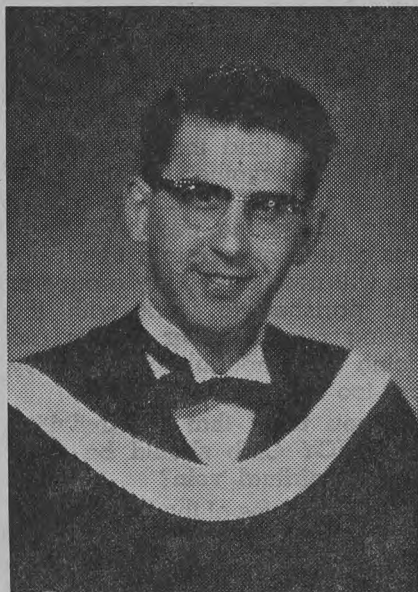
The youth went carolling on Dec. 25, 26, and 30, in order to help raise funds for the building of St. Basil's new church. There are many and interesting things under discussion at the meetings. Some of these discussions were on the topic of dating and parties and these proved to be of particular interest to the members. The discussions which are greeted with enthusiasm shall be carried on in future meetings.

At present the youth is not working on any new project but plans are being made for the very near future. In the coming months there will be skating, tobogganing and many more social events to be held by the St. Basil's Jr. UCY club.

MARY ANNE PYRCH,  
Press Chairman, St. Basil's Jr. UCY



## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



**CHRYD DMYTRUK**

**President, St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY  
Edmonton**

An interesting and informative interview was held with Chrys Dmytruk, an active and energetic president of the St. Josaphat's Sr. UCY Club. Chrys who is twenty six years old is a graduate chemical engineer of the University of Alberta and is employed by the Canadian Chemical Co. in Edmonton. Last year Chrys was the acting president of St. Josaphat's Sr. club and this year he has continued as its president.

Chrys was asked to give his view points on a number of different subjects of which are related here:

**Have you always lived in  
Edmonton?**

No, I have lived in Edmonton only eight years and in Canada for thirteen. I was born in the

Ukraine and escaped to Austria after the war to escape the Russian communist oppression and enslavery of the Ukraine. We came to Canada in 1949 and are very happy in our new found homeland.

**Did you feel the Ukrainian language and a Ukrainian name a barrier in attending University, obtaining a position in your work or associating with other people?**

No, I don't think so. Naturally, it is desirous to speak the English language fluently in Canada, however, an accent never bothered anybody. In fact, with the present tide of greater international co-operation it is very common to hear English spoken with an accent. We of Ukrainian descent should be proud of our colorful mother tongue and should not let an accent bother us. As for university studies and work, the knowledge of Ukrainian is an asset. Knowing Ukrainian may be a very good asset for one when applying for work with some companies.

**Did you find school and University fairly easy and did you enjoy it?**

Yes, I sure did. As far as I am concerned there is nothing greater than learning new things. I feel that the school and university has put me on the right road for learning.

**Do you believe the young people of today are losing their ambition to get ahead because everything comes their way without trying very hard?**

Yes, many people have no ambition for which to work. Unfortunately many consider that the dollar is the most important thing. If they do not learn now, they

will find out later—when it is too late.

**Outside of your work and the UCY Club, what other activities do you participate in?**

Sports, swimming and bowling. A university evening course, and also as president, I must represent our Club at other club events. This takes most of my time.

**Where do you derive the energy to take part in all these different activities?**

Well, I believe that the harder the work or the more work there is to be done the easier it is to do, since one has to budget the available time very carefully.

**What are your basic beliefs in life?**

a. That there is a God whom all must serve to the best of our abilities. This, to be accomplished through our faith and the work in our parish.

b. That we must be good Canadians — preserve the freedom and welfare for future generations.

c. Be a good Canadian of Ukrainian descent fostering the Ukrainian language and culture. Since Canada is a very young nation all ethnic groups add to the building of a Canadian nation. As Ukrainians we have one of the richest cultures in Europe and thus we have much to add to Canada. We must not be ashamed of being Ukrainians. Taras Shevchenko said, "He who forgets his mother country—God forgets."

**What are your ambitions?**

To do what I can to help further the knowledge about Ukrainian culture and religion in Canada.

**It seems to me that people and especially the youth are falling away from their church and faith. Do you feel anything can be done**

**to bring them closer to church and God, or is it a trend of our times?**

It is not a trend of our times, but in many cases the fault of our parents and grand-parents. The family is the basic unit in our society and the love of our church and mother country must stem from it. It is not too late to bring our young people back to our church or to retain them, but we will need active lay groups in our parishes to work with the young people. Our priests are doing a wonderful job but they are too few in number.

**Do you think that the activities of a UCY Club should be more in the spiritual vein?**

The activities of the UCY should be equally divided between the spiritual, cultural and social phases.

To what do you contribute the fall in membership in many of the UCY Clubs in recent years?

Too many outside activities such as TV, movies, dances, parties, drinking, etc. We must, however, remember that loss of membership is not only occurring in the UCY Clubs but is occurring in all volunteer organizations. The return to the club is needed if our society is to survive.

**Are you in favour of striving for a large membership to keep as many as possible Ukrainian young people together or a small but more active club?**

We need both a large membership to keep the Ukrainian youth together and small active groups to carry on the work in the club and in the parish. One cannot be without the other.

**What do you think is the most serious mistake the parents make**



### in raising their children?

They don't teach them the Ukrainian language, and the love for the Ukrainian faith and culture. If the children are taught the above, they will grow up looking for companionship among Ukrainian Canadians and will not drift to the other ethnic groups. Our ethnic groups will be preserved.

### Has any progress been made in your club?

Thanks to the good past executives that have worked with me, I think our club has made very good progress. The older people in our parish are at least a little more aware of our existence and they realize that we are also working for our parish and the good of our youth. The hard shell that must yet be cracked, is how to get more new young people interested in the club. The progress is slow, but we know we will succeed.

### —COURTESY—

Of Courtesy, it is much less  
Than Courage of Heart or

Holiness,

Yet in my Walks it seems to me  
That the Grace of God is in  
Courtesy.

On Monks I did in Storrington  
Fall,

They took me straight into their  
Hall;

I saw Three Pictures on a wall,  
And Courtesy was in them all.  
The first was of Saint Gabriel;  
On wings a-flame from Heaven  
he fell;

And as he went upon one knee  
He shone with Heavenly Courtesy.  
Our Lady out of Nazareth rode—  
It was her month of heavy load;  
Yet was Her face both great and  
kind,

For Courtesy was in Her Mind.  
The third it was our Little Lord,  
Whom all the Kings in arms  
adored;

He was so small you could not  
see

His large intent of Courtesy.

—Hilaire Belloc

## Curl at Vegreville March 23rd, 1963

### To All UCY Members:—

EVENT: Annual UCYO Bonspiel

PLACE: Vegreville, Alberta

TIME: March 23, 1963

WHO: All Local UCY Clubs in Edmonton Diocese and the Junior Clubs (highschool) from Edmonton

PRIZES: Trophies and valuable prize for the winners.

\$\$\$\$\$ Hundreds of Dollars in prizes for many others.

ENTRY FEE: A small \$3.75 per curler. With the Bonspiel at Vegreville we are accepting only 25 entries — **So, don't be late, send your money in early.**

Please reply as soon as possible as to how many rinks you wish to enter. Give us the **Name, Address, and Phone Number** of each skip, third and second, and lead. **REMEMBER, Each Rink Must Have One Girl.**

All entries must reach us no later than March 11, 1963. Entry fee (\$15) must accompany each entry.

NOTE:—All curlers must be members of the UCYO and identify themselves with a Membership Card. If you or your club do not have cards yet, order now.

**Don't be late. Get your curling rink together and enter now. Make sure you are represented in this Bonspiel. You may be the lucky ones to take home the Provincial Trophies and all the valuable prizes.**

SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:

MR. ROBERT PSYK  
7319 - 91 Avenue  
EDMONTON, Alberta

# OPINIONS ACROSS CANADA

It is hoped that this new column will be of interest and help to the clubs. Two clubs from each diocese are asked to fill out the questionnaire. At present the dioceses of Winnipeg and Toronto have not returned their clubs' questionnaires. It is hoped that the next issue shall include two from each one as desired. Your kind co-operation will be appreciated.

## 1. Do you feel you profit by belonging to a U.C.Y. club?

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul, Saskatoon .....	25	---	---
St. George, Saskatoon .....	52	---	---
St. Josaphat's, Edmonton .....	19	---	3
St. Mary, Vancouver .....	66	---	---

## 2. Do you go to the U.C.Y. club because you can learn something about your religion?

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul .....	5	1	19
St. George .....	26	10	16
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	11	7	4
St. Mary .....	53	11	2

### Club's view from St. Josaphat Sr., Edmonton:

It was felt by some that there should be more emphasis placed on spiritual discussions and talks while other members felt most people came primarily for the social activities the club provided in order to meet other boys and girls of the same faith and nationality. Business meetings should be started on time and should be shorter in duration to provide more time for spiritual discussions which are curtailed for lack of time.

## 3. Did you keep up on the events taking place in Rome during the Ecumenical Council through newspapers, radio and TV?

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul .....	---	14	11
St. George .....	25	16	11
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	12	9	1
St. Mary .....	44	13	9

## 4. Do you feel the "Twist" should be done during U.C.Y. dances?

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul .....	13	10	2
St. George .....	39	8	5
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	13	5	4
St. Mary .....	66	---	---

## 5. Do you feel teenagers in high school should go steady?

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul .....	---	23	2
St. George .....	6	26	20
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	3	19	---
St. Mary .....	24	35	7

**6. Is there a special devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary in your Club?**

St. Peter & Paul .....	Occasionally
St. George .....	Occasionally
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	Occasionally

**7. Should the meetings start on time even if most members are not present?**

	Yes	No	Undecided
St. Peter & Paul .....	25	---	---
St. George .....	52	---	---
St. Josaphat Sr. ....	17	1	4
St. Mary .....	33	22	11

**Club's view from St. George's U.C.Y., Saskatoon:**

We feel qualified to answer it, as over the past two years, we have come as near to solving this problem as we feel it is possible to come.

We feel that meetings should have a definite starting time. Once the members realize that whether they're there on time or not, the meeting is going to go ahead anyway, they soon learn to come on time. Our Club found this to work out in practice as well as in theory. For example, at our meeting last night (Dec. 2), out of over 50 members, only two or three came in after our 8:00 p.m. starting time and they were only a few minutes late. It takes a few times perhaps to get members accustomed to this idea, however, once a club starts two or three meetings on time, even if only a few members are present, the other members will soon start showing up on time.

**Editor's Note:**

1. From this questionnaire it appears that the U.C.Y. clubs are fulfilling their need since the members are benefitting from it. Congratulations and keep up the good work!
2. It is found in this question that the youth are interested in knowing more about their religion as well as meeting other young people. If the club appears to be short of time when the spiritual discussion arises, perhaps they could hold the spiritual section during the meeting first and then follow it up by the business section. Have any clubs tried this?
3. Though a certain number of the youth were interested to read about the Ecumenical Council at the same time, quite a number of members were not aware of it. It would be well for the clubs to promote the members to take more interest in the happenings of the Catholic Church. This event was very important and even one where the Protestants showed an interest. One evening could be spent discussing why it was held and its aims.
4. It appears that most of the members feel they should be doing the "twist". As in anything else it is important that it is done just as a dance. Even the waltz can be sinful if done with improper intention.
5. This question revealed that most of the members enjoy mixing with each other and feel that going steady will be soon enough when they are older and able to choose a life-time partner. This



shows good thinking and you will be glad that you were free to enjoy yourself by going out with groups instead of going steady so young.

6. These clubs do not appear to have any special time when the Blessed Virgin is honoured. Perhaps some devotion such as a candlelight rosary, etc. could become an annual event for the club. It could be that the first Sunday of May could be set aside as the day that all clubs across Canada would honour the Blessed Virgin. Have you any suggestions?
7. The presidents better watch their watches and get those meetings on time, which appears to be the opinion of this questionnaire. St. George's viewpoint really appears to confirm this fact.

I would like to thank the above clubs for filling out this questionnaire and do hope that this column will prove of benefit to some clubs.



## U.C.Y. Members Attend Christmas Supper

An overflow crowd of over 230 Ukrainian Catholic young people attended a Christmas supper on Wednesday, January 9th. The event, held at St. George's Parish Hall, was a "First" for the UCY and Obnova Clubs and was sponsored FREE of charge, by the UCWL of the three Saskatoon parishes.

Everyone present enjoyed the feast of traditional Ukrainian dishes which the ladies so graciously served. A short program followed the supper and consisted of:

1. A 5-minute Christmas story in verse by the Plast of St. George Parish.

2. A talk on the origin and traditions of the Ukrainian celebration of Christmas. Mrs. Blocka, the UCY-UCWL liaison officer, delivered the talk.

3. His Excellency, Bishop Roborecki, spoke on some of the highlights of his recent trip to Rome and the work of the Ecumenical Council.

4. Several Ukrainian Christmas

carols sung by the 230-voice group.

5. A vote of thanks to the Ladies for their noble efforts in sponsoring this Supper. It was made known by Orval Natyshak that the UCWL was not approached by the Youth to do this work, rather they requested of the Youth the opportunity to serve this Supper in order to give the young Ukrainian Catholics of Saskatoon a chance to get to know each other and their organizations better.

Attendance was, UCY Club members, 72; Obnova Club Members, 76; guests of members and other guests, 84.

On behalf of the Youth of Saskatoon we would like to thank all the ladies of the UCWL who made this event possible, with special thanks to Mrs. Baran, and to Steve Kurychak of Sheptycky Institute, who gave so freely of their time and efforts in making this supper such an outstanding success.

—Orval S. Natyshak

# KNOW THE SACRAMENTS

When Christ was on earth Himself, He was able to teach men and to personally extend His blessings and graces for both soul and body. The Church which He founded administers the Sacraments which serve as so many possible channels of receiving graces and blessings from God.

A sacrament is an outward sign of inward grace. Three elements are necessary to constitute a sacrament. It must be (1) an outward sign; (2) instituted by Christ; (3) to give grace. Let us take baptism as an example. The outward sign is the washing with water by pouring, sprinkling or immersing, accompanied by the words, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost". This indicates in an external manner the internal cleansing of the soul from original and actual sin. Secondly, Christ gave this sacrament to the Church when He told them to go into the whole world to teach and baptize in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Thirdly, baptism produces sanctifying grace in the soul, cleansing it from sin, and making the person henceforth a child of God and an heir of heaven.

In reading the Bible we find reference to all the sacraments though not presented in a developed theology of the sacraments: this was left to the Church to work out. The early Fathers mention all seven sacraments in their teachings to their faithful but without presenting any systematic treatment of the precise meaning of a sacrament. It is only when Luther declared that there were only two sacraments, that the Church with the assistance of the Holy Ghost proclaimed the seven sacraments as a dogma of faith.

Do the sacraments have any connection with magic? Of course not; the blessings can be only received from God. Our Lord only uses the Sacraments as a special channel which He can use to give us His blessings and graces.

Through the sacraments the Church is able to administer effectively to the spiritual needs of man all the way from the cradle to the grave. All through a person's life there is a sacrament which one benefits from. Thus, shortly after the birth of a child, baptism is able to cleanse the child from original sin and make him the child of God and an heir to heaven. Then as the child begins to mature it can receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. To strengthen the spiritual needs of the child, the sacrament of Confirmation is administered. When the passions of one have let you fall and become bruised, the sacrament of Penance is here to bring you back to God through the forgiveness of sin. As two young people reach maturity God once again gives His blessings in the sacrament of Matrimony. At the end of our journey on this earth we will receive another sacrament which is Extreme Unction. As you can see God has provided us with a sacrament throughout our entire life when we need it most. Any young man who becomes a priest receives his blessings through

the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Let us ponder on these sacraments and realize more fully why they were given to us. If we can realize this we will be able to benefit much more from their graces and become closer to God.



## Provincial U.C.Y. Carnival Queen

Feb. 16 & 17 - Saskatoon, Sask.

### PROGRAM: —

#### SATURDAY, February 16th

1. Supper (informal buffet style) between 6 and 7 p.m.—at Sts. Peter and Paul Auditorium (Church Basement) — corner 10th St. and Munro Ave. Cost \$1.00 per person.
2. Dance: 9:00 p.m., also at Sts. Peter & Paul Auditorium. Admission 50c for UCY members, \$1.00 for guests of UCY members. Dance is open ONLY to UCY members and a guest. Crowning of the queen will take place at Midnight. Music by Zenon Smycniuk and his Echo-Phonics of

1. High Mass at St. George's Cathedral Ituna, Sask.

#### SUNDAY, February 17th

at 10 a.m. - 212 Avenue M South. Communion Breakfast will follow at 12 Noon. There will be no guest speakers other than the President of the National UCY and the Youth Magazine editor who will give brief talks.

2. An afternoon TOBOGGANING Party will start at 2:30 p.m.—all members to meet at St. George's Hall and a cavalcade will motor to the tobogganing area.

NOTE—Be sure to bring along some clothes suitable for this Toboggan Party!

3. Return to St. George's after this event for a hot lunch. This will wind up the weekend. Cost for the Communion Breakfast and lunch after tobogganing will be 50 cents.
4. TOTAL COST for all events will be

\$2.00 as outlined above for all UCY members. We feel this is a fair price for two days of events, as there is a lot of food to buy and prepare, an orchestra to pay, etc.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

1. ALL CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTESTANTS will take part in these activities FREE of charge.
2. There are 1 or 2 Clubs who have not entered this Contest. Please do not feel that because of this you are not invited to take part in the festivities - we WELCOME All UCY members to attend!

### SPECIAL NOTE:

If bad weather forces postponement  
— Your Club President will be notified by Telephone on Friday, February 15th.

UCY OF SASKATCHEWAN,  
Orval Natyshak, Pres.

### HOLDEN UCY, ALTA.

#### ELECTS NEW '63 OFFICERS

On Sunday, December 20, 1962 the Holden UCY members held their annual meeting in the election of new officers for the new year. The results were as follows:

Spiritual Director: Rev. Father  
Lozynsky

President: Marvin Karenko

Vice-President: Ed Faryna

Sec.-Treas.: Margaret Pozerniuk

Social Convener: Olga Hrabec

Press Chairman: Joyce Rurka

Fifth Member: Boris Lozynsky



# Come Away and Rest Awhile . . .

All of us need a closed retreat in order to get away from our environment to solve some of our problems. With the assistance of prayer in a quiet atmosphere, many of these problems will be solved when we study what our true goal in life should be. Opportunities are provided for you to talk privately with a spiritual director if you wish.

The Star of the North Retreat House at St. Albert, Alberta, has facilities which give the retreatant an opportunity to make a successful retreat. Perhaps the following questions will help you to understand of what a retreat is like and what you are likely to find.

## **What will I be required to do at the retreat?**

You will take part in the lectures, discussions, read and do some deep thinking which will help you. Hearing Mass and joining the other retreatants in the other devotions is also expected of you. Time will be given for you also to relax.

## **Can I talk at all?**

You are asked to keep silence so that you may be able to think better about yourself and the role you are playing in this life. During the discussion period you may feel free to ask any question or have a private talk with any of the spiritual directors, otherwise silence is requested.

## **Will I have to fast during the retreat?**

No, you will be served delicious meals while at break periods a

choice of tea, coffee or hot chocolate is provided with cookies.

## **Where will I sleep?**

You will be provided with your own room which has washing facilities and a most comfortable bed.

## **Outside of lectures, do I remain in my room at all times?**

You may remain in your room or use the large spacious lounge on the main floor or any of the smaller ones in the house for your reading or relaxation. Visits to the grotto or crypt may also be made.

## **How much will it cost?**

No set amount is given since everyone gives what they feel they can afford.

## **Will this retreat help me?**

It should be a tremendous help to you and upon returning you shall be only too happy that you agreed to attend a closed retreat.



## **EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOYS' CLOSED RETREAT AT STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT HOUSE**

**St. Albert, Alberta**

**March 8th, 9th, 10th**

For further information contact:

**BOB PSYK - HO 9-2880**

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## MARY, OUR MOTHER

Because of a woman all mankind can be saved. Through what woman can this be achieved? She is none other than the Mother of Jesus Christ. She agreed to become His Mother and because of her submission Our Lord came on this earth and gave His Life for us. We can be thankful that we now have the opportunity of gaining salvation for our souls if we wish to do so. Many people understand this but others do not realize the full significance of her role and how it affects us.

When reading the Bible we find that as Our Lord was dying on the Cross He gave her to be our heavenly Mother:

"When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, thy son'."

Then He said to the disciple: "Behold, thy mother." St. John, Chap. 19, Verse 26-27.

Though Our Lord was going to heaven He wanted to share His mother with us. Perhaps our mother is not fulfilling her motherly duties or she may not be living but He left for us His Mother to whom we can turn in need. She is full of understanding, kindness, love, and always ready to stand by us as she did by Him. The Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us to her Son if we ask her. For how could He refuse her? Perhaps the poem, "To Our Lady", by Mary Dixon Thayer can best portray the appeal of learning how to pray.

Lovely Lady, dressed in blue . . .  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little Boy,  
Tell me what to say!  
Did you lift Him up, sometimes,  
Gently, on your knee?  
Did you sing to Him the way  
Mother does to me?  
Did you hold His Hand at night,  
Did you ever try  
Telling stories of the world?  
Oh! And did He cry?  
Do you really think He cares  
If I tell Him things . . .  
Little things that happen? And  
Do the Angels' wings  
Make a noise? And can He hear  
Me if I speak low?  
Does He understand me now?  
Tell me . . . for you know!  
Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little Boy  
And you know the way.

The Blessed Virgin is a perfect model for womanhood. Young girls can use her as their ideal since she who was very beautiful still remained a pure and a gentle woman. The following poem written by Shelley conveys this well.

Seraph of Heaven! too gentle to be human,  
    Veiling beneath that radiant form of Woman  
All that is insupportable in thee  
    Of light, and love, and immortality!  
Sweet Benediction in the eternal Curse!  
    Veiled Glory of this lampless Universe!  
Thou Moon beyond the clouds!  
    Thou living Form  
Among the Dead! Thou Star above the Storm!

The beautiful poem, "Sonnet to the Virgin" by William Wordsworth also describes the singular charm of the Blessed Virgin.

Mother! whose virgin bosom was uncrost  
    With the least shade of thought to sin allied;  
Woman! above all women glorified,  
    Our tainted nature's solitary boast;  
Purer than foam on central ocean tost;  
    Brighter than eastern skies at daybreak strewn  
With fancied rose, than the unblemished moon  
    Before her wane begins on heaven's blue coast;  
Thy Image falls to earth.

It was through Mary that womanhood has been elevated. We have come to realize the true importance of a woman and the respect which should be given to her. The present of a country depends largely upon the men of that country but the future of a country depends almost entirely upon the woman of that country. Men by their strength and drive dominate the events of today but the woman influences the course of happenings to come. From her body comes life and because of this close relationship she has the power to influence her children. It is the woman who must guide, instruct and teach them. It can be seen that all mothers have a tremendous role to fulfill, but one which some may not take too seriously. One can see that in order to be able to be close to the child and have a good relationship it would be wise for the mother to remain in the home. A fine example of family life can be studied from the Holy Family. The Blessed Virgin stayed home with her only child, Our Lord, while St. Joseph supported them with his trade, which was carpentry. She is now the outstanding example of motherhood, while St. Joseph is known as the "Protector of the Family".

We will actually grow closer to God by learning more about the Blessed Virgin and try to imitate her life.





# THE '?' BOX

## Have the Popes approved the variety of rites?

The watchword of the popes through the centuries has always been "Variety in rite, unity in faith!" Each rite has its own inherent beauty and in its own way emphasizes or stresses some particular dogma or truth of the Church. The Ukrainian Catholic rite expresses profound reverence to the Holy Trinity as well as great devotion to the Blessed Mother, and its liturgy, services, and ecclesiastical functions re-dound with invocations, petitions, and hymns of praise to the Holy Trinity and to the Mother of God.

If a spectator were to observe a garden of roses which were all red in color he would regard this particular garden as somewhat monotonous. If the rose garden contained white roses, yellow roses, and black roses, as well as the various hues of red and pink he could truthfully exclaim that the garden was beautiful. The Catholic Church is a garden of rites and each rite in its own significant way adds to the overall beauty of its external expression of faith.

## Then all rites need not be Latin?

No. Pope Benedict XV. said: "The Church of Jesus Christ is neither Latin, nor Greek, nor Slav, but CATHOLIC. Members of all nations are EQUAL in the eyes of the Apostolic See . . . Christ and the Popes want all men to be Catholics, but all need not be LATIN."

## How many rites are there in the Catholic Church?

There are twenty-one rites. Four of these are Western rites, and seventeen are Eastern rites.

## Which are the Eastern or Oriental rites?

There are five original Eastern rites. These are: Alexandrian, Antiochene, Byzantine, Chaldean, and Armenian. Four of these historical or original rites, namely, Alexandrian, Antiochene, Byzantine, and Chaldean are not actual existing rites. Most of the existing Eastern rites are derivatives of these four original rites. The original Armenian rite is in actual use today and has no derivatives.

Therefore the Eastern rites are:

1. Alexandrian: a) Coptic  
b) Ethiopic.
2. Antiochene: a) Malankar,  
b) Maronite, c) Syrian.
3. Byzantine: a) Bulgarian,  
b) Georgian, c) Greek,  
d) Melkite, e) Italo-Albanian,  
f) Rumanian, g) Russian,  
h) Serbian, and i) Ukrainian,  
(Ruthenian).
4. Chaldean: a) Chaldean,  
b) Malabar.
5. Armenian.

The largest of these Eastern ((Oriental) rites is the Byzantine-Ukrainian or, as it is popularly called, the Ukrainian Catholic rite. This rite has over 9,000,000 faithful whose spiritual care is in the hands of 15 Ukrainian Catholic Bishops.

From: The Largest Eastern Rite in the Catholic Church, by Fr. J. Skwarok, OSBM

## **SOUP for DINNER?**

Many feel that a meal would be incomplete without a soup served with it. Though there are many ways of preparing soups, most cooks usually use their own ideas as to what to put in them. One will probably start off cooking a bone with some meat and continue adding other ingredients which are available as they go along. Whatever vegetables are in season are added as well as delicious home-made noodles.

One of the most popular soup dishes known throughout the world is "borsch" which can be made in many ways. Borsch is the national soup of Ukraine and is made mainly with beets. It may have a rich meat stock for a base or it may be omitted as during the lenten season. Others may enjoy cabbage in it. Borsch is a mildly tart soup which may be served hot or cold, and clear, or with vegetables. In order to give it tartness one could give tomatoes, beet kvas (a liquid of fermented beets), lemon juice, strained rhubarb juice or vinegar. Some like this soup thickened which one can do by adding flour, raw egg yolks, finely diced potatoes or tomatoe soup. Dill is used to provide flavour as well as some garlic if wished. Adding sour cream also improves the taste of this delicious soup.

Anybody interested in making some borsch for dinner?

1½ lbs. meat with bone; 10 - 12 cups of cold water; 1 tsp. salt; 1 med. onion (chopped); 2 med. beets (cut in thin strips or shredded); 1 small carrot (cut in thin strips); 1 med. potatoe (diced); ½ cup string beans (diced); 2 - 3 cups shredded cabbage; ¾ cup strained tomatoes or tomatoe juice ½ clove garlic (crushed); 1 tbs.

flour; beet kvas or lemon juice; salt and pepper to taste; chopped dill; ½ cup sour cream.

Place the meat with salt in cold water, cover, slowly bring to the boiling point, then skim.

Cook covered slowly for 1½ hours.

Add onion and beets—cook 10 to 15 min. (till beets are almost done). If young beets are used cook them with the other vegetables.

Add carrot, potatoes, celery, string beans—cook for 10 min.

Add cabbage—cook till tender.

Stir in the tomatoes or tomatoe juice, crushed garlic.

Mix flour with 3 tbs. cold water, add some soup liquid and then add to the borsch. Give a small quantity of lemon juice to give it tartness (or whatever else you may wish to use).

Give salt and pepper to taste—bring to the boiling point.

Chopped dill may be added as a flavor.

Add sour cream just before serving.



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